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Photo by Jessica Cooley

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MOUNTAIN OF CORN - Above: Bystanders look on as 575,000 bushels of corn bury a semi truck and shut down Hwy. 51 at Burgess Brothers Grain Company. Ricky Burgess was in the semi when a 100 ft. grain bin collapsed. He was recovered from the cab. The cause of the acident is unknown as of presstime. Possible causes include severe weather and faulty construction.

Grain bin collapses

16,000 tons of corn come crashing down

Ivan Potter
Daniel Richardson

The rain came down in sheets for over two hours on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12. In that time, Hickman County received three inches of rain. During the storm, one of the most recognizable agricultural landmarks blew apart.

Half a mile past Greg's Supermarket and the Clinton city limits, on the major north south highway, a mountain of corn spewed out of the twisted metal that was once Burgess Brothers' newest storage bin. According to Scott Smith with the Hickman County Office of Emergency Management, the grain bin contained 575,000 bushels of corn, or 32 million pounds.

Corn in the bin would fill more than 575 semi trailer loads of shelled corn from last season. Market value of the spilled crop is estimated to be almost $4.2 million according to a quote from www.quotecorn.com.

There were no injuries when the structure blew apart. However, Ricky Burgess was in a truck onsite and escaped from his cab as a wall of corn engulfed his truck. The trailer was destroyed and the cab turned over.

Kentucky Highway 51 South was closed by the overflow. Crews quickly arrived on the scene and front loaders put to work clearing the highway.

There have been no definite statements as to the cause of the accident, and it may be some time before there is one. One meteorologist told Smith that the sudden change in atmospheric pressure could have led to the collapse, while some blame a structural fallacy. Some witnesses described the structure as "comingapart

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Photo by Makenna LeBlanc

HOMECOMING - Samantha McClain was announced as HCHS Homecoming Queen, she is escorted by Dylan Cross. They are pictured with Sedrick Cross and Brooklyn Naranjo.

Samantha McClain is 2013 Homecoming Queen

Makenna LeBlanc

The annual Basketball Homecoming activities were held Friday night, Jan. 11 during the Hickman County vs. Fulton City game. The ceremony was held between the Varsity boys game and the Varsity girls game. All of the basketball players, cheerleaders, and managers walked out and were announced, and then the Homecoming court was introduced. The Freshmen candidates were Sarah Harpole, escorted by Paul Barnett, and Abby Coffey, escorted by Dylan Jewell. The Sophomore candidates were Hannah Mangrum, escorted by Marcus Hurt, and Kayla Boaz, escorted by Ethan Carter. The Junior candidates were Sydney Harrison, escorted by Harley Hinshaw, and Breann Jones, escorted by Ken Etherton. The Senior candidates were Haley Bizzle, escorted by Ethan Cunningham, and Samantha McClain, escorted by Donyell Cross. The flower and crown bearers for the ceremony were Sedrick Cross and Brooklyn Naranjo.

The candidates and their escorts made their way to the stage for this year's Homecoming Queen to be announced. The queen is voted on by all of Hickman County High School's students. Senior Samantha McClain was announced as Homecoming Queen. She was crowned by last year's Homecoming Queen, Nicole Lynch, who was escorted by Cody Whitlock. Congratulations, Sam!

Brotherhood of firefighters loses one of their own

Charlotte Smith

The brotherhood of firefighters in Clinton, Hickman County and all across the state of Kentucky lost one of their own on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Matt Walker, Clinton Fire Chief for 23 years (1989-2012) passed away at Western Baptist Hospital and was laid to rest in his full dress uniform on Saturday, Jan. 12 with several fire departments participating in the procession from First Assembly of God church to Oakwood Cemetery. Two ladder trucks were utilized to display a large American flag in honor of Walkers years of service to the Clinton Fire Department, Hickman County and many other emergency related organizations across the state.

Growing up in the fire department with his father as fire chief, it was no surprise that Matt would follow in his father's footsteps and serve his community for over two decades as the head of the department he so dearly loved. He tirelessly gave of his time training others while he was responsible for a 20-member fire department where many of its members also served as volunteers of the Hickman County Fire and Rescue Department.

"He was the training officer for both departments, as well," noted Smith. "Even though he owned and operated his own business Matt gave a lot of his time to all aspects of emergency services here and all across the state of Kentucky, spending many miles on the road sharing his knowledge." He also served as Deputy Coroner and Sheriff here in Hickman County while continuing to lend a hand at regional and state levels with fire and rescue and even serving on the regional hazardous materials team.

Walker was in command when one of the biggest fires affected the lives of everyone in Hickman County and destroyed Hickman County Elementary School in July 1998. According to an article in the Gazette, Walker had 16 years experience fighting fires at the time (10 years as chief) with a fire of this nature to be the first of its kind for him. Walker called in five other fire departments within the first 15 minutes of arriving on the scene with a total of 25 fire departments lending their hand to Walker and his department.

Approximately 400,000 gallons of city water were used along with an undetermined amount of water brought in by other departments, including water from Keith Akin's pond on Hwy. 51. Considering the quantity of water and time frame involved, it was commendable that no one was injured. Walker noted that in the July 16, 1998,

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REMEMBERING ONE OF THE BROTHERHOOD - Several fire departments and emergency services agencies were on hand Saturday to help remember and pay tribute to fellow fire fighter Matt Walker. Walker, who passed away last Wednesday, served as Clinton's fire chief for 23 years. He was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery. (Photo by Cherry Pyron.)

FLYING HIGH - Two ladder fire trucks display an American Flag near Oakwood Cemetery paying tribute to and in remembrance of the 23 years Matt Walker served as Clinton's fire chief. Walker was laid to rest at Oakwood on Saturday morning after a long processional of fire trucks, emergency services vehicles and others proceeded from Assembly of God Church to the cemetery. (Photo by Cherry Pyron.)

Fiscal Court looks to partner with school board for school security

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Fiscal Court met on Monday morning, Jan. 14 at 8:30 a.m. for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Also attending the meeting were Hickman County Superintendent of Schools Kenny Wilson, Hickman County High School Principal Larry Farlee, and Assistant Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel Casey Henderson.

Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt began the meeting with a prayer, then addressed those representing the Board of Education. Pruitt briefly told the magistrates that after last months school shooting, the school staff began to intensely pursue a cost effective way to increase the security and safety of the students in the Hickman County school system. A potential solution that they came up with is the hiring of a Special Law Enforcement Officer to monitor the schools while they are in session. For the past few weeks, members of the Clinton Police Department as well as Sheriff Mark Green and Jailer Chad Frizzell have been spending time on campus of the elementary and high schools, but are unable to maintain a fulltime presence without leaving vulnerabilities elsewhere.

Judge Pruitt explained that the cost for the resource officer would be $45,000 per year. He recommended that the fiscal court partner with the board of education and split the cost. The fiscal court's portion would be $22,500 per year. The court passed a motion to pursue the possibility of partnering with the board of education to hire a Special Law Enforcement Officer for the schools.

"Safety is the priority," Superintendent Wilson said. "We've got to keep the kids safe before we can begin to educate them."

Wilson said that it may not be possible to have a resource officer on duty until the beginning of the next school year in August. This is due to the training required, which is most often conducted in the summer. He noted that if they could find someone who was already qualified, like a retired police officer, then the process could go much faster.

Pruitt noted that this would be

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Photos by Daniel Richardson

SPILL - This grain truck that was driven by Ronald Williams, 38, of Bardwell turned over on Hwy. 58 East at Croley right in front of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. The accident occured at 12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, and blocked traffic for four hours. Williams was not critically injured but was taken to Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield via ambulance for inspection. Left: First responders inspect the undercarrieage of the 1996 Peterbuilt Semi.

2012 Year in Review

November

Harper's Hams celebrates 60 years

Daniel Richardson

Travelers driving north on Hwy. 51 Friday afternoon were flagged down by a large pig mascott as they drove past Harper's Country Hams. The mascott was waving people in to help the Harper's Country Hams owners and employees celebrate 60 years in business, and the grand re-opening of their newly renovated sales room.

When visitors made their way into the sales room, they were greeted by several unique treats including a maple flavored cupcake, with bacon sprinkled over the top. Tonia Batts rushed in just a few minutes after four with a red ribbon and an extra-large pair of scissors that were soon to be used in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

RIBBON CUTTING - Several people from around the community gathered in the crowded sales room at Harper's Country Hams on Friday afternoon to help celebrate 60 years of great tasting hams. The Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of Commerse sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony, and Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt proclaimed the day as "Harper's Country Hams Day." Above: Delores Harper prepares to cut the ribbon with mambers of the community gathered around. (Photo by Daniel Richardson)

December

Ambulance service in need of funds

Charlotte Smith

Last year members of the Hickman County Ambulance Board attended the Clinton City Council meeting, addressing the council requesting subsidized funding for the valuable service they provide to the citizens of Clinton and Hickman County. "We're trying to offer the best services we can have and operate as efficiently as possible," stated Ambulance Board member Gary Jones last December.

Now, a year later, the service that became a separate entity non-profit organization in 1990 is still looking to stabilize itself. A lack of membership with only 1/4 of the city and county residents paying the $60 membership fee, a decline in county population and the closing of Arbor Place in September 2011, have contributed to its financial instability.

The Ambulance Board did get their wish this year when Arbor Place reopened, currently housing approximately 13 to 14 patients. Before their closing, they had anywhere from 80 to 100 patients.

This caused the number of calls the ambulance service responded to, to drop significantly. "At one time we were responding to over 1,200 calls a year," stated Paula Boaz, Director, who has been with the service since 1990. "This year we have only had 500 calls." Furthering adding to the need for financial support from the county, the city and the membership base. In Sept. 2010, the service was averaging 98 calls per month. A year later, the call volume dropped to about 41 per month after the closing of Arbor Place. Now, the service is averaging in the mid to high 20s each month. For the ambulance service to sustain itself, it needs to make about 57 billable runs per month.

"If more people paid the membership fee, it would definitely help," she said. It is cost effective for residents to pay the fee, keeping their costs down if they ever had a need to be transported by the ambulance. When a household pays the membership fee, the only amount due to the ambulance service is paid by their insurance company. "We accept what the insurance company pays when you are a member," she explained. "When you are not a member and you need the service, you are billed the entire amount." This amount can be significant. If every household in the county paid the membership, the service would raise more that $125,000 in membership dues. The benefit of this would be twofold: The ambulance service would not need nearly as much, if any subsidy from the City of Clinton or the Hickman County Fiscal Court.

"If the county hadn't stepped in," noted Boaz, "we would have been shut down by now."

Board of Directors include Bill Little (1996), Robert Tarver (2000), Gary Jones (2000), current chairman, and Chad Frizzell (2009). Frizzell will take over as chairman next year.

TVA settlement grants awarded to 13 Kentucky organizations, totaling $11.2 million Governor

Charlotte Smith

Steve Beshear recently announced that 13 organizations are receiving grant funding under the 2011 settlement agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The recipients include education, housing, agricultural and economic development organizations and projects. Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electrical Cooperative Corporation (HFRECC) is one of the thirteen organizations who have been awarded a grant. "These projects represent many innovative initiatives in schools, universities, private industry, agriculture, non-profits, and local government and will help us to further the state's energy and environmental goals, and provide long-term benefits to the citizens of the Commonwealth," said Gov. Beshear. "Many of the projects build upon existing programs that have already demonstrated the value of investments in energy efficiency technologies and practices." As part of the settlement, Kentucky will receive $11.2 million over a five-year period to implement environmental mitigation projects. The settlement is a result from alleged violations of the Clean Air Act that requires TVA to invest in new and upgraded state-of-the-art pollution controls that will reduce pollution, save energy and protect public health and the environment. More information on the settlement can be found at http://www.epa.gov. HFCRECC has been awarded $316,000 to support a project to replace inefficient outdoor lighting fixtures with energy efficient, long-life bulbs. The project will save more than 600 mWh/year of electricity and reduce CO2 emission by more than 440 tons/year. The project is leveraged dollar-for-dollar by HFCRECC. Murray State University has also been awarded $309,000 to install, test and demonstrate a biomass heating system at the MSU Equine Center. The Bio Burner Unites will offset fossil fuel energy with renewable energy at a rate pf 40 mWh per year of electricity. One of the units will be portable in order to demonstrate a biomass-to-energy model to area farmers, industry and others. Others awarded grants include the following: Kentucky School Boards Association, Pennyrile RECC, Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) (Frankfort), Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, Fayette County Public Schools, Perdue Farms Incorporated (Beaver Dam), Bowling Green Independent Schools, Southern Tier Housing Corporation (London), Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) (Berea), Department for Local Government, and Lord Corporation (Bowling Green). Distributors of TVA power serve all or a portion of the following counties in south central and western Kentucky: Adair, Allen, Barren, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hickman, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, Metcalfe, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Warren and Whitley.

Bike tour to come through region, may stop at Columbus

Charlotte Smith

A Missouri organizer is planning a major bicycle tour this summer, that will include an afternoon and overnight stop in Hickman.

Rodney McConnell, of Sikeston, came to Hickman last week to talk with local officials, and the Hickman Rotary Club, about the week long, 400 mile event called "Riding the Fault Line".

The bicycle tour is centered around the theme of the New Madrid Fault, and will include a round trip ride which will carry participants through four states.

McConnell has been discussing the venture with Hickman Recreation and Tourist Commission Chairman Charles Choate since early December, with the two setting up the local visit to see sites of interest, specific routes and to have talks with local law enforcement, school and area tourism officials.

"This is a great opportunity for the city to have these riders spend time here," said Choate following the meeting with McConnell. "Hickman will be the only Kentucky stop on the tour, and we are planning for them to visit our Courthouse area, the Carnegie Museum, some businesses and to have supper here that night."

McConnell said he estimates at a minimum of 250 riders, with a maximum of 500, for the initial tour.

He told those at the meeting last week that the "Riding the Fault" tour is the only one of its kind in the mid-west, which will allow those participating to end their trip at the starting point.

"This ride will be very appealing to cyclists in several states," said McConnell. "Most all participants are always looking for new areas to ride and new sites to see. We are talking about serious riders who ride bikes ranging in price around $6,000 to $7,000. This area is full of history and that catches their attention."

As far as the Hickman stop, McConnell said the Hickman-Dorena Ferry has drawn the greatest amount of attention from prospective riders so far. McConnell said no other rides across the country offer the opportunity to cross the Mississippi River by such transportation.

Kentucky Great River Road Director Norma Pruitt said the announcement was "very exciting news", and a great opportunity to showcase the area.

"I am so proud to be part of this," said Pruitt. "We have a great chance to publicize the ferry and other attractions in Hickman. We are really going to promote this and do what we have to do to make it successful."

McConnell told Hickman Rotarians that plans might also include a possible bus ride to Columbus-Belmont State Park on the day they come to Hickman.

Plans call for the cyclists to be in Hickman on June 27, after a night in Lake County, Tennessee, with a departure the following morning by the ferry into Missouri. Arkansas would be the fourth state included in the "Riding the Fault Line" bicycle tour.

Those interested in finding out more about the week long tour can contact McConnell at rmc5487@gmail.com or 573-380-7875.

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to a presentation and tour Thursday, January 24, 2013 6 pm at Arbor Place.
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Emmalyn Kate Richardson
July 25, 2012
Daughter of Daniel & Lena Richardson

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Kentucky passes new laws for 2013

Charlotte Smith

On Tuesday, Jan. 8 the Kentucky General Assembly began a "short session" with a four-day organizational session. They will then reconvene on Tuesday, Feb. 5 and adjourn on March 26. This session does include a two-week veto break prior to final adjournment. During this 30-day session many major issues will be addressed.

In 2012 several new Kentucky law were passed. "Under Kentucky law, bills become effective 90 days after the official end of the legislative session," stated Kentucky Attorney Jason Batts. "Some bills are enacted with a certain effective date." Some of those laws became effective on January 1, 2013.

After reviewing all of the 2012 laws passed in the Bluegrass state, Batts compiled a list of the laws Kentuckians might want to take note of, including one that prohibits the release of hogs into the wild. Here in Fulton County, Judge/Executive David Gallagher said a few sightings of these animals, which can do major harm to crops when searching for food, have been seen in the upper bottom but not much in Fulton County.

Hickman County, however, is a different story. Hickman County officials and others have made great strides in riding the county of these animals who wreck havoc wherever they go.

House Bill 344 created a new section of KRS Chapter 150 prohibiting the release of a hog into the wild. It was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives and signed by the Governor on April 11.

Other laws worth mentioning include the following:

Confederate pensions no longer granted by the state.

House Bill 85 repealed Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Chapter 206, which governed the calculation and distribution of state pensions for Confederate veterans. Some Southern states implemented such provisions as a way to honor veterans of the Confederacy living within its border after the Federal government promised to fund pensions for Union troops. The measure repealing the now-obsolete law was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives on January 3 and signed into law by the Governor on April 11

Those who recycle scrap metal must now show proof of ownership and will receive their check in the mail.

House Bill 390 amended state law pertaining to copper and other valuable metals. Previously, individuals could receive cash immediately at recycling centers when turning in copper and other metals. Now, those people turning in certain metals to recycling centers will have to show proof of ownership and will receive a check in the mail so that there is a better paper trail of the transaction. This provision does not apply to individuals recycling aluminum cans. It was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives on February 10 and signed by the Governor on April 11.

State I.D.'s can now show if the owner of the card is a veteran.

House Bill 221 allows veterans to have their service designated on their driver's licenses and state identification cards. The designations will make it easier for veterans to show proof of service needed for various discounts and special services available to them. The bill was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives on January 6 and signed by the Governor on March 28.

Occupants of 15-person passenger vans must now wear seatbelts.

Senate Bill 89 expanded Kentucky's seat belt law to include 15-person passenger vans. The bill was the reaction to a crash on I-65 in 2010 that killed 11 people, most of whom weren't wearing seat belts. Previous state law only required seat belt use in vehicles designed to carry ten or fewer passengers. It was introduced in the Kentucky Senate on January 11 and signed by the Governor on April 11.

School districts and personnel are now better protected against lawsuits resulting from injuries occurring after school hours.

Senate Bill 110 made it easier for school districts to allow community access to school facilities for recreational use during non-school hours by protecting the schools from liability in cases where an injury occurs. It provides limited civil immunity from lawsuits to school districts and personnel who make school property available for recreational use by members of the community during non-school hours. It was introduced in the Kentucky Senate on January 23 and signed by the Governor on April 11.

Property owners may now carry concealed deadly weapons without a license on their own property.

HB 484 will allow Kentuckians to carry concealed weapons without a license on their property. It was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives on February 28 and signed by the Governor on April 11.

Police officers can now make arrests of misdemeanor assaults that occur in hospital emergency rooms without witnessing the event firsthand.

Senate Bill 58 allows police officers to make arrests for misdemeanor assaults if altercations occur in a hospital emergency room and there is sufficient probable cause. Previously, police officers had to witness an assault in an emergency room before arresting someone. The bill was introduced in the Kentucky Senate on January 3 and signed by the Governor on April 11.

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an agreement between two different taxing districts, which means that there would be some bureaucratic red tape to jump through, and the process could be delayed, but he and Superintendent Wilson committed to move the project along as quickly as possible.

After some discussion about school safety, discussion shifted back to the agenda. The fiscal court conducted the second reading and passed Ordinance 2012-04, loweing the maximum amount a resident can be charged for payroll and net profit tax from $1,000 to $750 for the calendar year 2012.

Pruitt informed the magistrates that the sign for the courthouse lawn has finally arrived in Greenfield, Ten. and the lettering is being put on. The sign was originally expected to be in place by early December but was held up on the west coast by the movement involving the strike initiated by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA).

The Hicman County Fiscal Court will conduct their next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Feb. 11 at 8:30.

Remembering those who passed in 2012

JANUARY
Barbara Vaughn - 72
Joanne Knight - 79
Edward Ferguson - 53
Claudie Jackson - 57
Richard Meshew - 71
Sue Rushing - 77
Pauline Turner - 90
Gerald Cooley - 85
Roberta Torian - 93
Imogene Turner - 85
Thomas Jones - 78
Thomas Hancock, Sr. - 78
Charles Murphy - 68
Mary Jane Byassee - 56
Mary Hall - 84

FEBRUARY
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J.T. Roberts - 92
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Joanal DeBerry - 32
Joe House - 83
Rhonda Brock - 53
Peggy Lang - 76
James Rushing - 84

MARCH
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Clara Burgess - 88
Charlene Rivers - 55
Betty Sullivan - 84
Bessieretta Byassee - 97
Marie Courtney - 93
Jobyna Carter - 84
Joe Lewis Williams - 59
Norman Taylor Sr. - 84
Richard Wright Sr. - 62
Ray Johnson - 74
Jessie Woodrow Terry IV - 26
Earl Ray Simon - 69

APRIL
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Lawrence Hutchinson - 76
Mary Allen - 95
Ronald Coffman - 69
Mary Basch - 99
Wyatt Forgey - infant
Gerald Henderson - 80

MAY
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Pattie Richard - 55
Solon Farmer, Jr. - 61
Billie Holland - 84

JUNE
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Erin Barbagelata - 29
Bill Vance - 65
Leon Johnson - 89
Jessie Harper - 84
Rosie Woodson - 86
Kendra Hammonds - 23
Ralph Allen - 78
Marshall Larkins - 82
Brenda Elam - 55
Charlene Howell - 87
Samuel Edwards - 59

JULY
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Sidney Smith - 90
Charlotte Jones Wyatt - 48
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Danny Stephens - 61
Dorothea Claud - 91
Brenda Puckett - 64

AUGUST
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Mildred Allen - 92
Migion Watts - 88
Barbara Rice - 78
William Rugg - 88
Jackie Daugherty - 62
Johnny Cole - 70
Donna Benson - 52
Gracie King - 88
Landi Franklin - 79
Gayle Bolin - 73
Bernadine Anderson - 85
Avanell Forrester - 68
Tommy Williams - 87
Rusty Jones - 43
Rose Riley - 45

SEPTEMBER
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Kadynce Stadier - 2 months
Joyce Dodson - 70
Mearlean Draper - 81
John Pendel - 77
Powell Clark - 85
Anna Mae Sullivan - 89

OCTOBER
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Edna Dean Brock - 91
June Herrington - 82
Janie Madding - 70
Paul Payne - 66
J.B. Conner - 72
Gale Goodrum - 76
Mark Muscovalley - 48
Jeff Morrow - 72
Bobby Carter - 69
Susanna Boyd - 50
Bro. Ray Provow - 73
Alice Jones - 88
Darrell Terry - 69

NOVEMBER
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Murrel Stephens - 93
Cynthia Smith - 47

DECEMBER
Joan Whayne - 87
Rev. Jerrell Yarbrough - 82
Janice Jones - 52
Stacy Jones - 38
Curtis Terry - 85
Mary Ann Ferguson - 71
Virginia Davis - 73
Richard "Dicky) Porter - 79
Peggy Armbruster - 81

Columbus Cemetery now has sign and planter

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Cherry, Columbus Cemetery now has a beautiful sign. Also, thanks to Sara Hatfield of Rolling Hills Landscaping of Murray, who donated her time to design the planter and facilitated the purchase of the stones, which were paid for by the restoration fund. Also, thanks to Lee Jackson and Chris McGee who, along with a work crew from the Hickman County Detention Center, constructed the planter.

-Tommy Baker

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article, "With an incident this big, it's a miracle somebody didn't get hurt. Backdraft was a great possibility."

Being the educator that he was, Walker used the incident to present a slideshow to the Hickman County Board of Education depicting the fire fighting methods used. He also held a critique meeting where all of the departments involved got together and looked at the photographs and slides. "We have learned in the fire service, that when you are faced with an overwhelming situation such as this, that you surround yourself with good people," he said in 1998.

Walker was also instrument in coming to the aid of his community during the Ice Storm of January 2009. Like the fire at the elementary school, the ice storm was a multi-day, exhausting event. "Matt was not a stand back and give orders kind of chief," stated Smith. "He had to be involved some how, some way. He couldn't stand still and not do something."

According to Smith, Walker was the most knowledgeable person he knew in fire fighting and rescue. "He trained others to help save more lives and property here and all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky," added Smith.

"He was not only my fire chief, he was my friend," he further stated. "It was a dual hit for me. When you work side by side with someone fighting fires and during emergency situations they become part of your extended family."

Paula Boaz, who started with the Hickman County Emergency Management Service in 1990 knew Walker when he was an EMT. "He was a great EMT and taught me a lot," she said. "I was blessed to call him my friend."

She also felt blessed to when he shared his testimony a few weeks ago. "He was at complete peace with His God," she said, "so that eases the pain knowing he is going to be fine and we will meet again."

Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt worked closely with Walker through the years, especially during emergency situations, not only with fires, but also during weather related incidents. "When you look at all the ways he gave of himself to the county I can think of no one who has given as much of his time or himself than Matt gave," stated Judge Pruitt, "We will all miss him in a way the public may not realize. Every time we have a possible weather emergency situation, Matt was ahead of the curve watching it and his was usually the first notice I would receive about the possible emergency event .

"I will miss Matt as a personal friend and will miss him most each time there is a water event and I don't get that call from him," concluded Judge Pruitt.

Walker also served his community as a sheriff deputy.

Matt Walker leaves behind his wife, Belinda Adams Walker, two sons Michael and Mark Rushing, and two grandchildren. Walker's complete obituary can be found on page 4.

District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 1/14/2013. This is not an official docket.

Anthony Wayne Bell. Disregarding Stop Sign. Pleaded guilty. $20 fine, suspended. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. $100 fine. Failure to Wear Seatbelts. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine, suspended. No Operators/Moped License. Pleaded guilty. $100 fine. 30 days conditionally discharged two years.

Stephen A. Crittendon. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine, suspended.

Austin C. Cunningham. Rear License Not Illuminated. No/Expired Registration Plates. Dismiss on proof.

Alicia N. Curling. Operating Vehicle with Expired Operators License. Amend to License to be in Possession. $100 fine, suspended on proof shown. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Dismiss on proof. One Headlight. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine.

James M. Ellegood. Review. Reviewed proof.

Donovan C. Franklin. Operating Vehicle With Expired Operators License. FTA.

Samuel Log Garber. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. Enter six month diversion. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Jimmy Dale Gray. Pretrial Conference. Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, 3rd degree. Continue to 2/18/13.

Katherine L. Hill. No/Expired Registration Plates. Amend to KRS 186.000. FTA.

James R. Hutchison Jr. Other Hearing. Assault 4th Degree Minor Injury. Proof shown.

Candace E. Johanns. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. $25 fine. Failure to notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Dismiss on proof.

Charleenia D. McClary. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Divert until 9/1/13.Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Dismiss.

Alysha A. Pellett. No Brake Lights (Passenger Vehicles). Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Dismiss on proof.

Angela N. Smith. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Pleaded guilty. $25 fine. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Dismiss on proof.

Randy Gene Smith. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. $25 fine.

Sarah L. Dycus. Unlawful Transaction with a Minor-3rd degree. Continued to 2/18/13.

Brittany Nicole Price. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 1/28/13 per county attorney.

Johnny Spencer. Pretrial Conference. Bench trial at 3/11/13.

Sharon L. Stone. Preliminary Hearing. Theft by Unlawful Taking/Disp-Auto. Theft By Unlawful Taking/Disp- All Others. Pleaded guilty. 365 days, conditionally discharged two years.

Give blood on Jan. 21

Stop. Listen to your heartbeat. Realize how important that steady, healthy rhythm that pumps your lifeblood is.

On Monday, January 21, share that knowledge – and that vital lifeblood -- at the community blood drive at the Young Center from noon until 6 p.m.

January is national Volunteer Donor Month, and, specifically, January 21st is our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, designated as Make-A-Difference Day. How appropriate to honor both the work of Dr. King and the Red Cross designation by donating blood.

Your visit to the donation center should take about an hour. That's a great investment of your time, especially if you dedicate that hour on your holiday from work. Please honor your appointment made earlier or make an appointment by calling 800-RED CROSS or going online to redcross.org, using the sponsor code of Clinton19. You can still drop in to donate; the hours between 2 and 4 o'clock are the least-scheduled times on our list for the 21st.

Remember also, to increase your fluid intake several days before the 21st and restrict your tea drinking in the week prior if you have trouble with low iron. You're important to us and to everyone who will need blood products in the coming year.

Make a difference – remember the community blood drive on Monday, January 21.

County Extension Council and Extension District Board January meeting dates set

Hickman County Cooperative Extension Service announces the following meeting dates. The Hickman County Extension Council meeting will be held at the Farm Bureau meeting room on January 17, 2013 at 12:00. The Hickman County Extension District Board will be meeting on January 25, 2013 at 12:00 at the Hickman County Extension Office. All meetings are open to the public. Please contact Melissa Goodman, Hickman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at 653-2231 for more information. Educational programs of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Community News

Area Obituaries

Eunice McCracken

Eunice Effie McCracken, 66, of Bardwell died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013 at her home.

She was of the Baptist faith and retired after 25 years as a chef for Luhr Brothers Bargeline Company.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Donald McCracken; three daughters, Juanima Renee Blackmon and Tammy Jo McCracken, both of Henderson, Ky. and Kelly Dawn (Mark) Franklin of Bardwell; one son, Terry Lee Draper of Paducah; six sisters, Vaeda Carter, Ozie Carter, Loretta Carter, Audrey Carter, Peggy Carter and Lisa Stephens; nine brothers, Charles Carter, Thomas Carter, Laymon Carter, Odes Carter, Marty Carter, Floyd Carter, Lloyd Carter, Willis Carter and Darrell Carter; four grandchildren, Lauren Christian, Mason Jones, Kaiden Stimson and Paul Baranek; and two great grandchildren, Xandra Draper and Rosalie Christian.

She was preceded in death by one sister. Her parents were William Roscoe Stephens and Vernon Bone Carter.

Services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Bardwell, with burial in Roselawn Cemetery.

Judy Wilson

Judith Ann Bone Wilson, 79, of Clinton, Ky. died at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 at Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker and member of Clinton First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her son, Robert Wilson of Clinton; grandson, Tyler Wilson of Wingo; two granddaughters, Raekeira Causer of Dayton, Tenn. and Allison Wilson of Clinton; one niece, Kay Wiley of Clinton; three nephews, Curtis "Mutton" Wilson of Union City, Tenn., Terry Wilson of Pell City, Ala. and Kenny Wilson of Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Wilson. Her parents were Freeman and Laverne Jackson Bone.

Graveside Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at Pleasant View Memorial Gardens, with Rev. Kevin Clark officiating.

Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Burkett

Carolyn Alford "Mouse" Burkett, 57, of Wingo, Ky. died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield.

She attended the Church of God in South Fulton, Tenn. and had been a checker for the Fulton Walmart store. She had also been a foster parent for children and had lived in the area most of her life.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Richardson of Palmersville, Tenn. and Lee Gream (Lisa Betz) of Murray, Ky.; her father and step mother, Johnny Hassell (Mary Jane) Alford of Dukedom, Tenn.; two brothers, Johnny Neil (Darlene) Alford of Tri-City and Jacky (Belinda) Alford of Dukedom; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her mother Betty Miller; and one brother, Bobby Raymond Alford.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Dukedom, with Rev. Danny Walker officiating.

Hornbeak Funeral Home in Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Matthew Walker

Matthew Arnold Walker, 46, of Clinton, Ky. died at 11:06 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 at Western Baptist Hospital.

He was a member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church and owner of Johnny Walker Service, Inc., member of Hickman Masonic Lodge #131 F&AM, Ken-Tenn. Railroad Shriner & Rizpah Shrine Club of Madisonville and Clinton Rotary Club. He was a state fire/ems instructor, firefighter, EMT, Clinton Fire Chief from 1989-2012, Hickman County deputy coroner from 1992-2012, Hazmat technician, extrication technician, rescue technician and rope rescue technician.

Surviving are his wife, Belinda Adams Walker; sister, Miranda Sheffield of Olive Branch, Miss.; two sons, Michael Rushing of Murray and Mark Rushing of Paducah; two grandchildren, Madison and Riley Rushing, both of Murray.

His parents were Johnny and Doris Bostick Walker.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at Assembly of God Church in Clinton. Rev. Charles Blair officiated, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Masonic service was at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

Brown Funeral Home in Clinton was in charge of arrangements.

Bobby Ray, Jr.

Bobby Ray, Jr., 51, of Clinton, Ky. died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at his home.

He attended Grace Pointe Church in Franklin, Tenn. and was owner of Presure's On.

Surviving are his wife, Karla Barclay Ray; two daughters, Danielle (Troy) Thornsbrough of Bardwell and Taylor Ray of Clinton; his father, Bobby Ray, Sr. of Arlington; one grandson, Trice Thornsbrough of Bardwell; one sister, Theresa Rhodes of Arlington; and one brother, Brady Ray of Arlington. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jessiean Priest Ray.

Services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Pastor Stan Mitchell officiated, with burial in Clark Cemetery.

Swayne Cole

Swayne Cole, 81, of Clinton, Ky. died at 3:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton.

He was a member of Oakton United Methodist Church, a machinist at Ingersoll-Rand, 32nd Degree Shriner, and member of Hickman Masonic Lodge #131 F&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Darce Snead Cole of Clinton, Ky.; and two sisters, Ruth Curlin and Louise Martin, both of Clinton.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Brenda Henson Cole; and one brother, Lonnie Cole.

His parents were Robert D. and Mable Dean Gibson Cole.

Services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Rev. Vida McClure officiated, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Masonic Rites were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

DON'T FORGET THE BLOOD DRIVE ON JANUARY 21

Second Baptist News

By Cynthia Walton

"Our foundation should be Jesus Christ. He is the only way," said Bro. Dustin Cunningham as he preached from Ezra 3:8-13 in the morning worship service. Johnna Riggs sang, "He's an Awesome God."

On Sunday night Tanner Dublin signed and Janice Glasco sang.

Happy birthday this week to Jonathon Ballantine and Jerry Johnson.

Remember in you prayers the families of Swayne Cole and Matt Walker.

Charlie Cannon and Dorothy Hoskins are both home from surgery. Continue to remember them in your prayers, alone with Carolyn Burpo, Thomas Dublin, Wanda Cox, Glenda Tankersley, our military, our nation and leaders and especially the lost.

"Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men." Colossians 3:23.

I thank God for my work at the Mission House and hope that I am doing it enthusiastically and for the Lord.

Have a blessed week.

The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

On my trips to the hospital in Paducah I noticed an old red barn. It was leaning precariously and its demise is inevitably soon. I felt a twinge of sadness as I would go by. All things constructed by man have their season, even man himself. Occasionally I drive by the farm where I grew up. An old sycamore tree stands in the field that I once climbed and played in as a boy. (I have mentioned it before in this column). I have changed a great deal in the last seventy years but it seems to have changed little. It will probably outlive me. All living things have their day upon this earth.

The sobering thing is man has eternity in his soul. He never dies actually, and will spend eternity some place. God has determined that. The penetrating question is, "Where?" For those who know Christ, it is heaven and with Him. For those who do not, sadly, it is hell, a place of everlasting torment, "cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

Senior Chatter

with Tammie

The seniors in our county need to be warm! The senior center is still collecting blankets and heaters so we can distribute them to those in need.

We have moved furniture around to make our facility more "senior" friendly. One of our main attractions right now is our Wii area. We welcome all seniors and their friends and family to come play a game or two with us! If you want to lose some weight we have Wii fit, as well. What are you waiting for? Let's have some fun!

Volunteering is such an important part of my life and to be able to help someone to me is one of the greatest joys one could ever experience. If you want to know how it feels to give the gift of your time, please come by your senior center and we will be glad to show you what and who needs your helpful attention.

As I mentioned previously, we are going to put on a corn hole tournament in our building in February. We are leaving a sign up sheet in our foyer if you are interested. We will let you know more details in the upcoming weeks. If you want us to put your name down just call us at (270) 653-4314.

The gang at the senior center has decided to bring in the year with weight loss and a healthier life style. Will you join us in this journey? I have been where you are and you just keep telling yourself, I will do it later when I find time. The time is upon us! Come by the senior center's new workout facility. A membership for someone is $20 unlimited a month or buy a whole year for a discount price of $200! We invite you to bring a friend. The first time is free and each additional time during your first month is $3. Once you join the fee is only $20 per month and we will be offering aerobics in the beginning of January. If you want to add aerobics to your workout the cost will be $30 for unlimited usage of our work out facility and aerobics two times a week.

Remember we have our Men's Appreciation breakfast this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Also, next Thursday the 24th will be our monthly potato fundraiser! Work up your appetite and come on by!

If you would like to rent our building for a birthday, anniversary, baby shower, et. The rental fee is $50 with a $25 cleaning fee. The cleaning fee is returned if you leave the building in good condition. We appreciate your support.

Our activities for the week:

Wednesday, Jan. 16 - 10:30 a.m. Devotion/Rev. McDonald
12 noon - PDHD/Arthrtis exercise/Jennifer Doom

Thursday, Jan. 17 -10:30- Price is Right.
1 p.m.-House of Prayer singers
6 p.m. - Card play

Friday, Jan. 18 - 10:30 a.m.- Benefits of Tea/UK Ext./Lisa Adams.
1 p.m. -Bingo

Monday, Jan. 21 -10:30 a.m.- Wii game time.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 - 10:30 a.m.-Morning stretch
1 p.m. - Bingo
2 p.m. - Book mobile

Menu for January 16-22

Wednesday, Jan. 16-chili con carne, baked potato, saltine crackers, chocolate pudding, tossed salad, margarine and skim milk.

Thursday, Jan. 17 - baked ham, baaked sweet potato, green beans, whole wheat roll, margarine, fruit cut and skim milk.

Friday, Jan. 18 - pork roast, pinto beans, turnip greens, cornbread, margarine, pineapple cheesecake and skim milk.

Monday, Jan. 21 - beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, squash & tomato casserole, whole wheat roll, margarine, pears & raisins and skim milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 - turkey tetrazzine, layered bean salad, oat bran muffin, caramel apples, peanuts, margarine and skim milk.

Have a wonderful week!

Pentecostal Tabernacle will have a revival on January 18 - 20.

Pentecostal Tabernacle, 16235 State Route 45 South in Water Valley will be having a revival January 18-20. Guest speaker is Dr. Jeremy Mays. Services Friday and Saturday night will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday service will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Larry McClure at 270-472-3801 or Asst. Pastor Markus McClure at 270-970-7256.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-CI-00013

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.
PLAINTIFF

VS **ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560**

BETTY LOU PICK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BETTY LOU PICK, HOSPITAL OF FULTON, d/b/a PARKWAY REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING, LLC, JAMOS FUND 1, LP and HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY **RESPONDENTS**

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered October 4, 2012, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 24th day of January, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

10460 STATE ROUTE 58 WEST, CLINTON KENTUCKY 42031

BEGINNING at a point in the center of Cosby Lane (CR1314), said point being approximately 273 feet along the centerline of Cosby Lane from the center of Kentucky Highway 58; thence in a westerly direction parallel to Kentucky Highway 58 a distance of approximately 430 feet to the center of the old railroad bed; thence in a northeasterly direction along the center of the old railroad bed a distance of aproximately 145 feet to a point thence in a westerly direction parallel to Kentucky Highway 58 a distance of approximately 370 feet to the center of Cosby Lane; thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of Cosby Lane a distance of approximately 123 feet to the point of beginning; being one lot or parcel of land.

BEING the same real estate conveyed to Betty Lou Pick by deed dated March 10, 2006 and recorded on March 10, 2006, in Deed Book 114, Page 380, in the Office of the Hickman County Clerk Office.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions

1. That the real property shall be sold as a whole as above-described along with the permanently affixed mobile home described as a 2006 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial No. CAP020005TNAB, to the highest and best bidder or bidders. The purchaser at this sale shall be requred to pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price at the time of sale, with the balance to be paid by cash or certified funds within thirty (30) days. The purchaser of the property shall give bond for the balance of the sale price with good surety approved by the Master Commissioner making the sale price and bond payable to himself and bearing 12% interest from the date thereon until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on the real property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity.

2. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to this Order.

3. The purchaser of the real property and mobile home described herein shall be required to pay ad valorem taxes for the year 2012, and all subsequent years of ownership and shall take the real property subject to all easements and restrictive covenants of record in the Office of the Hickman County Clerk.

This sale may be concelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above mentioned properties.

DATED the 31st day of December, 2012

THOMAS H. BUGG, MASTER COMMISSIONER
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT

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Clinton Hills Apartments now has available 1 and 3 bedroom units. Rent based on income. Mon. & Thurs. 9 p.m. -12 noon. Call (270) 653-6218 TDD#711.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that James D. Harper, Sr. has duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Jessie B. Harper, deceased. All persons indebted to said estates shall pay all indebtedness promptly, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present same, properly certified according to law, within six (6) months of this notice to: Hon. Sue Ellen Morris, 110 East Clay St., Suite D, Clinton KY 42031

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Area Announcements

The Mission House distributes CSFP (Cheese) Commodities monthly to Hickman County residents who are 60 years or over, meet the income guidelines, and are pre-registered. Pick up dates are Thursday & Friday after the third Tuesday of each month.

Every Monday:
• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

First Monday:
• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:
• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:
• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

Every Wednesday and Saturday:.
• **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** at Clay and Jefferson open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208
• **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..
• **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
• **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month
• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

Hickman Co. Art Council will meet Monday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Young Center in Clinton

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00036

U.S.BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-RF1 PLAINTIFF

VS **ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560**

CAROL COOLEY aka Betty C. Cooley RESPONDENT

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered November 1, 2012, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest biddet at public auction on the 24th day of January, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

106 BARBER ROAD, CLINTON KENTUCKY 42031

Being Lot No. 38 in Grubbs Subdivision extension "C" as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 109, records of the Hickman County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Richard L. Cooley and spouse, Betty C. Cooley, by deed with rights of survivorship dated October 31, 2001, recorded on January 4, 2002 in Deed Book 105, Page 509 of the Clerk's Records in Hickman County, Kentucky, Richard L. Cooley died August 15, 2010, thus conveying all rights, title and interest in the subject property to Betty C. Cooley.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

1. That the real property shall be sold as a whole as above described to the highest and best bidder or bidders as a whole for CASH; or in the alternative, the master commissioner will take from the purchaser(s), one-third of the purchase price in cash together with a bonds (for the remainder of the purchase price) in two equal installments with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest at the rate of 12 percent (12%) from the day of sale, due thirty (30) days post sale and payable to the master commissioner.

2. In the event that Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to this Order.

3. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are fully paid.

4. The property shall be sold free and clear of all taxes, except the purchaser will assume payment of 2012 ad valorem taxes, and all subsequent years.

5.. The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.

This sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above mentioned properties.

DATED the 31st day of Dec. 2012

Thomas H Bugg
THOMAS H. BUGG, MASTER COMMISSIONER
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HICKMAN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-00044

BANK OF AMERICA, National Association successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP PLAINTIFF

VS **ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560**

TODD TYLER
AMY TYLER RESPONDENTS

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered October 18, 2012, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Clinton, Hickman County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 24th day of January, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

398 STATE 703 EAST, CLINTON, KENTUCKY 42031

Being a 1.65 acre parcel as surveyed by Dennis W. Looper, KY. L.L.S. #3437 of Purchase Area Surveying Inc. on 2/17/08 and being located on the west side of State route 703 approximately 1.2 miles northeast of the Clinton community of Hickman County, Kentucky.
And more particularly described as beginning at the proposed northeast corner of the property herein described, said corner being a 1/2" dia. x 24" lng. steel pin and surveyors cap #3437 set in the west right-of-way line of State Route 703 and lying on a bearing of S 20 deg. 19 min. 05 sec. W-376.45 feet from a P.K. nail set at the intersection of the centerline of State Route 703 and the centerline of a 24" dia. concrete culvert.
Thence S. 18 deg. 24 min. 37 sec. W-115-40 feet along the right-of-way line of State Route 703 (60.00 ft.r/w) to a point:
Thence S 21 deg. 59 min. 26 sec. W-126.19 feet continuing along rhe west right-of-way line of State Route 703 to a 1/2" dia. x 24" lng.steel pin and surveyors cap #3437 set, said pin being the proposed southeast corner of the property herein described and a common corner with the remaining portion of the William Henry Edwards II (1/3), Julia Kathryn Hazelwood (1/3) and Rebecca Elizabeth Bizzle (1/3) property as described in Deed Book 110, Page 705;
Thence N 72 deg. 56 min. 21 sec. W-312.27 feet along a new line to a 1/2" dia. x 24" lng. steel pin and surveyors cap #3437 set, said pin being the proposed southwest corner of the property herein described and a common corner with the remaining portion of the previously mentioned William Henry Edwards II, Julia Kathryn Hazelwood and Rebecca Elizabeth Bizzle property;
Thence N 11 deg. 54 min. 48 sec. E-106.19 feet along a new line to a 1/2" dia. x 24" lng. steel pin and surveyors cap #3437 set, said pin being a point on the west line of the property herein described and a common corner with the remaining portion of the previously mentioned William Henry Edwards II, Julia Kathryn Hazelwood and Rebecca Elizabeth Bizzle property;
Thence N 01 deg. 10 min. 22 sec. E-91.27 feet along a new line to an existing 6"x8" fence corner post, said post being the proposed northwest corner of the property herein described and a common corner with the previously mentioned William Henry Edwards II, Julia Kathryn Hazelwood and Rebecca Elizabeth Bizzle property;
Thence S 85 deg. 42 in. 35 sec. E-150.00 feet along a new line and passing through an existing 6"x8" fence corner post at a distance of 81.06 feet to a 1/2" dia.x24" lng. steel pin and surveyors cap #3427 set, said pin being a corner on the north line of the property herein described and a common corner with the remaining portion of the previously mentioned William Henry Edwards II, Julia Kathryn Hazelwood and Rebecca Elizabeth Bizzle property;
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Thence S 85 deg. 42 min. 35 sec. E-211.94 feet along a new line and being the north line of the property herein described to the point of beginning.

And being subject to easements, convenants and restrictions of record.

Being the same property conveyed to Todd Tyler and wife, Any Tyler, by deed dated October 17, 2008 of record in Deed Book 118, Page 658, Hickman County Clerk's Office.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

1. That the real property shall be sold as a whole as above-described to the highest and best bidder or bidders as a whole for CASH; or in the alternative, the master commissioner will take from the purchaser(s), one-third of the purchase price in cash together with bonds (for the remainder of the purchase price) in two equal installments with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest at the rate of 12 percent (12%) from the day of sale, due thirty (30) days post sale and payable to the master commissioner.

2. In the event that Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to this Order.

3. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are fully paid.

4. The property shall be sold free and clear of all taxes, except the purchaser will assume payment of 2012 ad valorem taxes, and all subsequent years.

5. The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.

This sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above mentioned properties.

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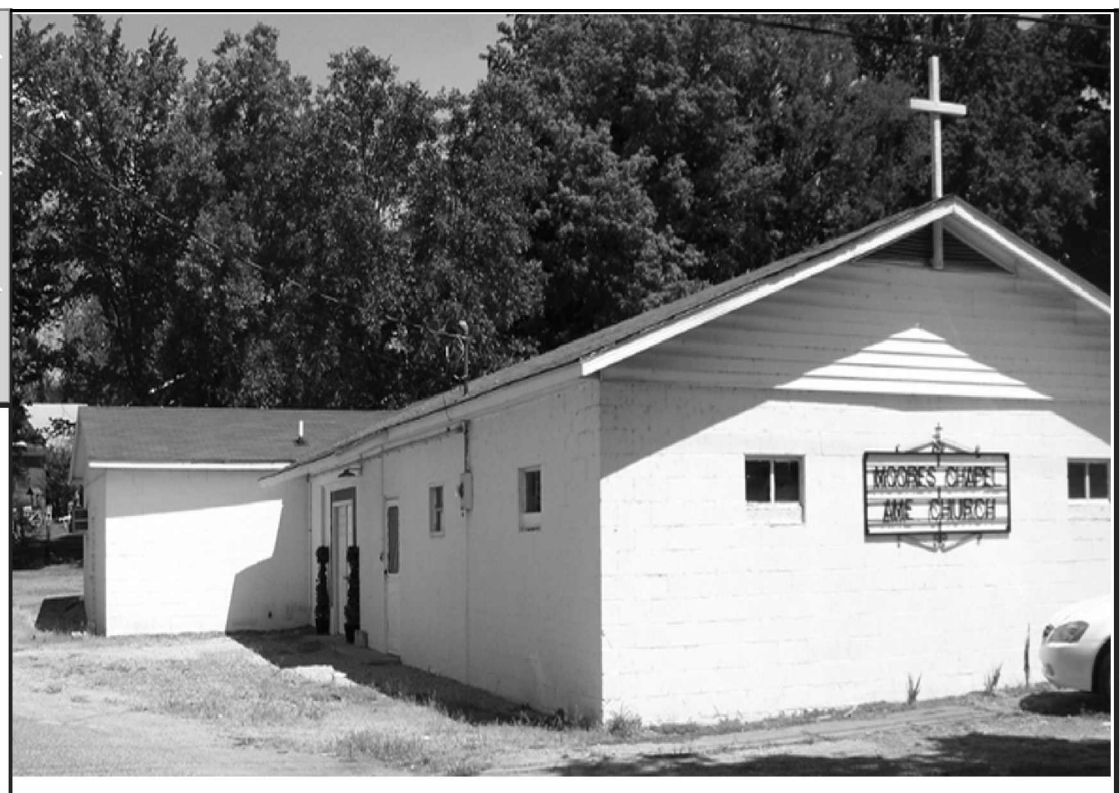

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FBLA has big plans this year

Future Business Leaders of America helps prepare students for careers in business and business related fields. First Community Bank is a proud supporter of the Hickman County FBLA Chapter and many other school system organizations. This year FBLA hasraised money for the March of Dimes Walkathon, sponsored a family for Christmas and gone Christmas caroling at the nursing home. They also had the opportunity to listen to speakers from the Peace Corps and Murray State University. The Hickman County FBLA organization is currently preparing for the regional conference at Murray State University where they will compete in a variety of events ranging from objective tests in business related areas, oral proficiency events, talent events, and business related performance events.

HC Conservation District anounces winners

The Hickman County Conservation District is proud to announce the winners of the 2012 Conservation Art and Writing Contest Co-sponsored with The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. Cash Awards are presented to winners by the Hickman County Conservation District, in the amount of $75.00 for 1st place grade winners and $50.00 for 2nd place, with the over all district winners receiving $150.00 for 1st place and $100.00 for 2nd place. Also a Certificate is presented to the 1st and second place district winner. This years topic for the Contest was "Kentucky's Forest Branching Out", with grades 1-5 participating by making posters and grades 6-12 by writing Essays.

Conservation Art Contest Winners: 1st place 1st grade – Justice Midyett, 2nd place 1st grade Cora Clark, 1st place 2nd grade – Bayleigh Basch, 2nd place 2nd grade – McKenzie Wilber, 1st place 3rd grade – Kyleigh Humphreys, 2nd place 3rd grade – Rhett Dalton, 1st place 4th grade – Bella Batts, 2nd place 4th grade – Jackson Midyett, 1st place 5th grade Akacia Taylor, 2nd place 5th grade – Charity Shelton.

Overall District Winners are 1st place – Kyleigh Humphreys & 2nd place Justice Midyett.

Conservation Essay Winners: 1st place 6th grade – Isabella Buckingham, 2nd place 6th grade – Austin Rittenberry.

Conservation Essay Winners: Jordan Mathis, 1st place 9th grade, also with Jordan is Darian Irvan, Ag. Teacher at the High School.

Jonathan Reynolds 2nd place 9th grade – Cayce Brockwell 1st place 11th grade.

Overall District Winners are 1st place – Jordan Mathis & 2nd place – Jonathan Reynolds.

Collapse From Pg. 1

at the seams".

"Every emergency department in the county responded to the collapse," Smith said. After ensuring that no-one was seriously injured, first responders contacted Kentucky Utilities and New Commonwealth Natural Gas to ensure that the utilities were cut off, and then began the cleanup process. Smith reported that by 5:30 p.m., Hwy. 51 was re-opened to traffic.

Tommy Roberts, Hickman County Magistrate and owner of Roberts Crop Insurance, said, "The important thing is that nobody was killed or hurt. As long as no one is hurt, everything can be repaired." Roberts also said that farmers who had corn stored in the silo will not lose a cent, as Burgess Brothers Grain Company has the stored materials insured. Furthermore, Roberts said that the majority of the corn is salvageable.

Salvation Army work continues

The Hickman County Service Unit of the Salvation Army is glad to be able to report that the 2012 Kettle Drive was successful, reaching a total of more than $3,000. Eighty per cent of these gifts will be used in the county.

But what about the other 20%? After Sandy hit New York and New Jersey, among the very first responders, trucks of The Salvation Army were on the scene, transporting needed supplies. These Thrift Store trucks, with qualified drivers, were used to bring shelter meals and emergency equipment into the affected areas and to take out trash piled in the streets so that other responders could safely enter. Mobile canteens were on the scene providing meals at no cost to emergency workers and people made homeless by the superstorm. Working with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, the United Methodist Relief Committee, the Red Cross, and of course in a good relationship with FEMA as government moved into the picture, our twenty per cent and that of many other kettle drives across the nation was put to good use as is always the case in such emergencies.

Checks for the 2012 kettle drive are still being accepted; they may be mailed to The Salvation Army Service Unit, c/o Alma Blair, PO Box 281, Clinton KY 42031.

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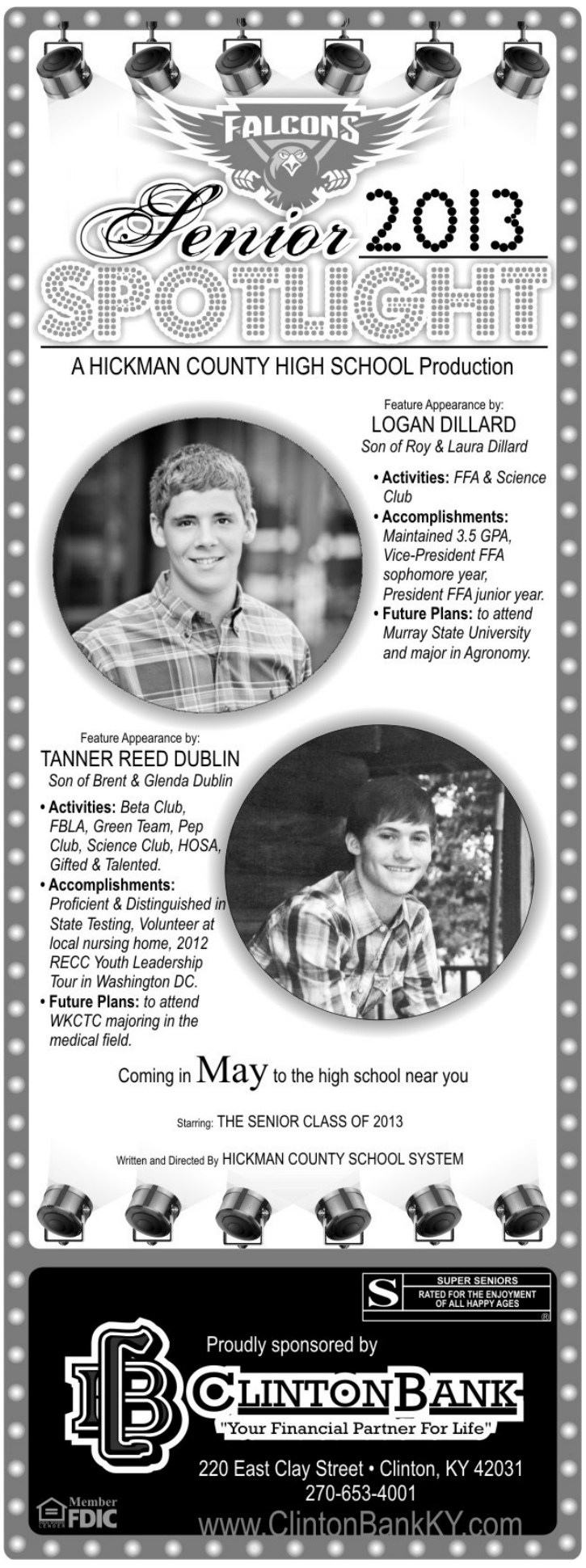
The Hickman County High School - School Based Decision Making council will meet Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school conference room.

The Hickman County School Nutrition Program will hold a public forum to present a plan to inform and improve school nutrition and physical activities in the school district during our January board of education meeting on Thursday, Jan. 17.



Junior Pilots clip Junior Falcons wings at Hickman

Jessica Cooley

On Monday, Jan. 7, the Junior High Falcons took on the Junior High Fulton County Pilots in middle school basketball action. The night's starters were: Tyler Larkins, Demarcus Mason, Lane Branham, Austin Cantrell and Jordan Naranjo. Larkins made the first points for the Jr. Falcons with a nice bucket at the 5:10 mark. At the 3:58 mark, Naranjo is fouled and is able to make one of his two free throw shots. Mason is also fouled and he too is able to hit one of his two free throw shots. At the 4:45 mark, Mason makes a beautiful trey for three points.

In the second half, Dalton Jewell is fouled and is 50% from the free throw line.

Naranjo drives to the basket and makes a very nice bucket. Jewell is fouled again and makes both shots from behind the charity stripe.

At half time the score was 18-13 with the Jr. Falcons in the lead. The main play for the second half was zone defense.

In the third quarter, Branham scores back-to-back baskets for four points.

Mason comes back with another three point shot from behind the arc at the 5-minute mark in the fourth quarter. Mason soon returns with a nice two-point basket. Jewell is fouled on a three point shot and had the opportunity to shoot from behind the charity stripe three times, making all three!

Naranjo fouled out with three seconds left in the game.

The boys played a great game. The final score was 31-36 with the Jr. Pilots taking home the victory.

On Thursday, Jan. 10, the Jr. Falcons traveled to Ballard County to take on the Jr. Bombers. The boys played very well but the Jr. Bombers claimed the victory with a final score of 48-33.

The Jr. Falcons will take on the Jr. Cardinals on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Look in the next week's edition of the Gazette to catch the action.

Photo by Jessica Cooley

A Ballard County player jumps around in order to keep this Jr. Falcon from getting an easy pass off.

Jr. High Lady Falcons beat Pilots, fall to Bombers

Jessica Cooley

On Monday, Jan. 7, the Junior High Hickman County Lady Falcons faced off against the Junior High Fulton County Lady Pilots basketball team. The night's starters for Hickman County were: Jasmine Myatt, Sarah Gardener, Erica Kerney, LaTavia Thomas and Alexis Burpo. Right out of the tip-off, Kerney was fouled and was able to make one of her two free throws. Putting the first point of the game on the board. Not long after, Gardener was fouled and made one of her two shots from the charity stripe.

Throughout the whole first half, the Jr. Lady Falcons played a full court press with the Jr. Lady Pilots pressing back. As a result of awesome teamwork, Gardener managed to make a bucket. Kerney followed shortly after with a very nice basket. Gardener quickly returns with another beautiful bucket. At the 2:28 mark Burpo drives to the goal and makes her first basket of the game. At the 1:12 mark of the first quarter Gardener makes an awesome steal and takes the ball all the way to the hoop for two points. Soon after, Thomas is fouled and makes both of her shots from behind the charity stripe. Kerney comes in with five seconds left in the first quarter and steals the ball and takes it to the goal for a basket.

Opening the second quarter, Gardener is fouled and makes one of her free throw shots. Thomas blocked an opposing player's shot and assisted in Burpo's next basket. At the one-minute mark, Burpo drove to the goal for a basket.

Despite great play on both sides of the ball, the Jr. Lady Falcons struggled to keep their lead in the first half. At half time the score was 20-21 with the Jr. Lady Falcons in the lead.

In the second half, Burpo comes up with a very nice lay-up. Thomas soon follows and also makes a nice lay-up. The game is all tied up at the 5:50 mark of the 4th quarter with 27 all. At the 5:18 mark, Kerney makes her second awesome steal of the game, she takes it all the way to the basket for two points. The score is now 31-27 with the Jr. Lady Falcons in the lead. Thomas is fouled and she makes one of her free throw shots. Kerney comes in with a nice lay-up. Gardener is fouled and hits both of her free throw shots. Gardener steals then passes to Kerney, who passes it off to Burpo for two, another display of great teamwork! The last points of the game were scored by Kerney with a free throw shot. The girls played a very aggressive game and showed great teamwork. The final score was 40-33 with the Jr. Lady Falcons claiming the victory.

The Jr. Lady Falcons traveled to Ballard County High School on Thursday, Jan. 6th to take on the Jr. Lady Bombers. The Jr. Lady Bombers claimed the victory this time with a final score of 28-24.

The Jr. Lady Falcons will take on the Jr. Lady Cardinals of Mayfield on Tuesday, Jan. 15th. Look in the next week's issue of the Gazette to catch the action.

Photo by Jessica Cooley

Jr. High Lady Falcons' head coach, Heather Spillman, gives the girls a pep talk before the game.

Lady Falcons route Fulton City, Falcons fall by one point

By Jim Easterwood
Leader Correspondent

The name Yarbro has been synonymous with basketball success and prowess for a long time at Hickman County High School.

First it was George, a regional star in the 1980s. Then came Kayla, his oldest daughter, followed by her younger sister, Kennady.

After leading the Lady Falcons the past two years Kennady is up to her old tricks again as the driving force of a rejuvenated Lady Falcon team. And driving is the operative word as the 5-foot-8 senior put it into high gear in the first few minutes of the Lady Falcons homecoming game with Fulton City Jan. 11 at Clinton.

Kennady, who used to settle for the long shot, scored ten of her game-high 24 points in the span of about two minutes to stake her team to a 17-1 lead.

The much-improved Mykayla Waggoner started the game with a 3-point shot and Yarbro connected on a foul shot to make it 4-0.

After Fulton City's Kareesha Westbrook nailed a free throw to make it 4-1, Yarbro went on a spree. She reeled off nine straight points, all as the result of drives to the bucket, to make it 13-1.

Stacy Fujisawa broke the Yarbro spell with a bucket and Samantha McClain, the school's homecoming queen, crowned the occasion with a follow shot to make it 17-1. The Lady Falcons then put the game on cruise control the rest of the way.

Yarbro added six more points in the second period with Kaylee Webb coming through with a pair of buckets to give the team a 31-17 halftime lead. Yarbro had six more points in the third with Webb and Waggoner having four points each as the team led 45-23 going into the final quarter.

The Lady Falcons did a good job inside, making 18 of 48 shots. But their 3-point shooting left something to be desired as they hit only one of 12.

Webb finished with eight points, making some nice moves inside. Waggoner added seven points. McClain had four points, Stacy Fujisawa three and her sister, Lisa, two points. Maeisha Simmons had one point.

Hickman County center Kaylee Webb battles Fulton City's Lexi Snow for a rebound. Webb finished with eight points and a bunch of boards.---Photo by Darlene Easterwood.

By Jim Easterwood
Gazette Correspondent

Eric Kerney, Hickman County's high-flying guard, scored 27 points in leading the Falcons past Murray, 64-63, on Jan. 8 at Murray.

That got the attention of Fulton City when they came into town for a homecoming game with the Falcons Jan. 11 at Clinton. They dogged the canny guard every step of the way, holding him to just seven points, well below his average.

But Kerney is a very unselfish player. While he drew the Bulldogs to him like flies to food, it left unheralded Morgan Koontz all alone. And Koontz almost killed them.

The senior guard, who has the smoothest arching shot imaginable, scored 20 points, 18 of them coming on six treys as he personally kept the Falcons on track for their eighth win of the season.

Unfortunately, a last second shot was blocked by Fulton City's Khalil Frame as the Bulldogs escaped with a 53-52 win.

"It was a great ball game," Hickman County Coach Henry Edwards said.

That it was. And it seems par for the course when these two feisty teams meet on the court.

Fulton City grabbed an early 15-6 lead but the Falcons made them pay a price as 6-7 All-District performer Jordan Miller picked up three fouls to send him to the bench for the entire second period.

The Falcons didn't take advantage of his absence at first as the Bulldogs roared to a 28-13 advantage. That is when Koontz opened fire. He hit a pair of treys, including one with two seconds left to pull the Falcons to within eight points (28-20) at intermission.

Miller picked up his fourth foul within four seconds of the third quarter and Koontz hit another trey to give the Falcons their first lead at 30-29 with 5:58 left. Fulton City regrouped to lead 41-32 going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter had the crowd on the edge of their seats. Fulton City increased their margin to 50-38, only to see Koontz tickle the twine again three times from three-point land to get the Falcons right back in it.

Billy Speed also had a fine game, scoring 15 points and dishing out his share of assists. Justin Jackson had five points with Harley Hinshaw adding three. Donyell Cross had two points.

Hickman County's Harley Hinshaw and Justin Jackson battle Khalil Frame of Fulton City for a rebound in their homecoming game.---Photo by Darlene Easterwood.

Reidland outlasts Lady Falcons in overtime

Charlotte Smith

The Lady Falcons basketball game against the Reidland Lady Greyhounds would prove to be worth the wait after a tornado warning eleven minutes before the game was set to begin at Lone Oak High School on Saturday was delayed. Once the action was under way the Lady Falcons provided their fans with a game worth waiting for during the opening round of the All A Classic. Things were looking good for the Lady Falcons looked like they were going to follow in their counterparts steps altering watching the Falcons cost to a 47-point victory, but that wasn't the case. After pulling out in front in the second quarter the Lady Falcons would watch their lead crumble and then would have to climb their way back into the game. Eventually things would be all tied up at the end of regulation and Head Coach David Dixon's Lady Falcons continued to spread their wings but would fall in double over-time to the Lady Greyhounds 57-59.

Kennady Yarbro opened the game with nine points to give the Lady Falcons a slim 9-5 lead after the first quarter. The second quarter started the same way for the Lady Falcons with Kaylee Webb and Makayla Waggoner adding seven points. Two of Webb's points come off an assist from Yarbro. Not to be out done the Lady Greyhounds showed their grit and scoring eight unanswered points with 3:23 left to play in the half.

A missed trey by Yarbro would be answered by a three-point shot through the hoop good for three to tie the game at 16 all with three minutes to go before they head into the locker room for a breather. Coach Dixon would stop play with a time out to talk things over with the Lady Falcons.

Playing aggressively the Lady Falcons would be called for charging two times in a row, seeming in ignite the Lady Greyhounds who, at times, appeared to be all over the Lady Falcon ball handlers.

Two minutes would go by before the tie would be broken and the Lady Greyhounds were the first to put the ball into the hoop. They would add four more points before the end of the half and the Lady Falcons were now down by six after leading most of the way.

With Waggoner on the bench with an injury and Yarbro in foul trouble, Coach Dixon would have to look to his Samantha McClain, Katie Woolard, Webb and his bench for some help. McClain, Woolard, and Webb would add two points each, along with three from Yarbro to give the Lady Falcons a one-point lead with 4 minutes to go in the third quarter.

Scoring would continue to go back and forth for the remainder of the quarter with the Lady Falcons pulling out in front again, with a narrow lead, up by three, 32-29.

Veterans Yarbro and McClain would continue to lead the way for the Lady Falcons at the beginning of the fourth quarter scoring and keeping their team out in front and with 3:44 to go the Lady Falcons had a 8-point lead, their biggest since the opening half.

A two-point bucket, followed by a shot from behind the arc gave the Lady Greyhounds hope, pulling them within three points of the leaders with three minutes left in the game.

Again the Lady Falcons continued to fight and things looked like the ladies were poised to win with 26 seconds left to go in the game. Another trey by the Lady Greyhounds force the game into over time.

Eventually both Yarbro and McClain would foul out. Yarbro going out in the first over time and McClain in the double overtime.

Through it all each player including Webb, Woolard, Rachel Jackson, Stacy Fujisawa, and Lisa Fujisawa did everything they could do to help secure a victory for the Lady Falcons coming up just two points short. They fell to the Lady Greyhounds 57-59.

IN TRAFFIC - Hickman County's #15, Samantha McClain goes up for two as she tries to cut through the traffic of all five Reidland Lady Greyhound defenders. The Lady Falcons came back from behind to tie the game and forcing double over time before falling to the lady Greyhounds 57-59 at Lone Oak on Saturday during the opening round of the All "A" Classic basketball tournament. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

Falcons win at All "A" Classic Tournament

Charlotte Smith

After falling to the Bulldogs on Homecoming night, Falcon Basketball Head Coach Henry Edwards was looking for his team to bounce back and play hard on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Lone Oak against the Christian Fellowship Eagles. Falcon starters Billy Speed, Morgan Koontz, Eric Kerney, Ryan Harpole and Justin Jackson showed they were ready for challenge during the opening round of the All "A" Classic. They provided their team with a 28-5 opening quarter boost, which would later become a 47-point victory earning them a spot in the next round of the tournament, which recognized Koontz as the All A member for the Falcons. The Falcons will play Carlisle County on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at Paducah Tilghman.

Utilizing speed and scoring off offensive rebounds and steals, Kerney led the Falcons in the first quarter with nine points including one trey. Speed and Harpole each added eight with Jackson chipping in two and John Barnett one point.

Utilizing the bench in the second quarter, the Eagles would score nine points in the first five minutes of the second quarter, but the Falcons kept pace with 8 points of their own, maintaining a comfortable 23-point lead. Falcons Dylan Jewell and Harley Hinshaw would both get in on the scoring action in the second half of the second quarter. A shot from behind the arc by Kerney before the buzzer to signal the end of the first half gave the Falcons a 20-point lead as they headed in to the locker room.

Speed and Jackson would combine for 11 of the Falcons 13 points to open up the third quarter giving the Falcons their biggest lead of the game at 32. A steal and a basket by Kerney would continue the scoring was of the Falcons. Jackson and Donyell Cross would each add a bucket apiece and a three-pointer by Speed with 20 seconds to go in the third quarter put the Falcons up by 40.

Henshaw would continue to add to the Falcons lead scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter for the boys in red and black. A bucket by Crass fouled by a steal and basket by Harpole would close out the game for the Falcons. They claimed the lead on the first three-point by Kerney to open the game and never looked back winning by 47. Falcon fans will be asked to travel to Paducah Tilghman on Wednesday night to cheer their team onto victory over the Carlisle County Comets beginning at 6 p.m.

GREAT AIR - Billy Speed, #11, for the Hickman County Falcons takes it to the hoop getting lots of air as he gets ready to score to against a Christian Fellowship defender during the All "A" Classic on Saturday at Lone Oak. The Falcons advanced to the next round with a 86-39 victory of the Eagles. They will play Carlisle County on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at Paducah Tilghman. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

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